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1. EMBOFF APPROACHED FONOFF A MONTH AGO ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF
RELEASING NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA DANILO SANSON
ROMAN TO GENEVA TO CONTINUE AS CREDENTIAL COMMITTEES' CHAIRMAN
AT NEXT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE SESSION. FONOFF REPLIED FORMALLY WITH
NOVEMBER 26 NOTE THAT IT "WOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY VERY
CAREFULLY". EMBOFFS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY GENTLY REMINDED FONMIN
AND VICE FONMIN OF OUR INTEREST AND HAVE RECEIVED NONCOMMITAL
RESPONSES REVOLVING AROUND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PRESENCE
IN PANAMA.

2. EMBOFF BUMPED INTO AMBASSADOR SANSON WHILE HE WAS HOME
FOR THE HOLIDAYS RECENTLY AND WAS TOLD BY HIM THAT THE
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NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN PANAMA WAS ESPECIALLY WELL

PREPARED TO MIND THE STORE FOR SIX WEEKS AND THAT THE FONOFF'S HESITATION STEMMED NOT FROM PERSONNEL, BUT FROM BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. SANSON IS EAGER TO GO BACK TO GENEVA AND APPRECIATED OUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF THE CONFERENCE SEC. GEN. TO GET HIM THERE. SANSON ALSO REVEALED THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING RESIGNING FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE BY JULY TO ASSUME THE MANAGEMENT OF HIS FATHER-IN-LAW'S BUSINESSES (HIS WIFE IS THE FAVORED HEIRESS OF THE VENEZUELAN CAPRILES' MEDIA CHAIN) IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE A MORE PRESTIGIOUS AND INTERESTING POST.

3. WE ARE FAIRLY CONFIDENT IN OUR ABILITY TO SECURE SANSON'S ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE IF WE MAKE A STRONG REQUEST AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, -AP- PRECIATE A DEADLINE DATE SO THAT WE CAN KEY OUR NEXT APPROACHES PROPERLY.
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